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TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK IMMEDIATE
INFO CINCPAC HONOLULU IMMEDIATE
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AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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LIMDIS, FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM GLEYSTEN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PEPR, CH, US

SUBJECT: LUNCHEON WITH NEW PRCLO CHIEF
CINCPAC FOR POLAD
REF: BANGKOK 13058 NOTAL

1. WE HAVE NO SPECIAL SUBSTANTIVE POINTS WE NEED YOU TO
MAKE TO CH'AI. AS YOU KNOW FROM EARLIER GUIDANCE,
BRZEZINSKI VISIT (FOR WHICH CH'AI WILL BE IN PEKING)
WILL PROVIDE EXTENSIVE REVIEW OF GLOBAL ISSUES AND IS NOT
INTENDED TO CONCENTRATE ON NORMALIZATION. CH'AI'S COMMENTS
ON THE VISIT OR OTHER ASPECTS OF US-PRC RELATIONS WILL
BE OF INTEREST, BUT WE SEE NO NEED FOR YOU TO PRESS TO
DRAW HIM OUT ON THESE SUBJECTS.

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2. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT CH'AI'S DATE
OF ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON, ABOUT HIS FAMILY SITUATION,
ETC., AND WE WOULD ESPECIALLY VALUE ANY ASSESSMENT OF HIS
PERSONAL STYLE AND VIEWPOINTS THAT YOU CAN OFFER US. IF
CH'AI TELLS YOU ANYTHING ABOUT PRCLO ACTING CHIEF HAN'S
PLANS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PASSING IT ALONG TO US.
(HAN HOLDS AMBASSADORIAL RANK AND HAS BEEN ACTING CHIEF

FOR EXTENSIVE PERIODS SINCE HIS ARRIVAL IN 1973 TO
ESTABLISH PRCLO.)

3. AT THE RISK OF RESTATING WHAT YOU MAY WELL ALREADY
UNDERSTAND, OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE PRC CONTINUE TO
DEVELOP APACE DESPITE THE ABSENCE OF PROGRESS ON THE
CENTRAL NORMALIZATION ISSUE. EXCHANGES HAVE PICKED UP IN
BOTH DIRECTIONS; FOR EXAMPLE THE CHINESE HAVE LAID ON A
JULY VISIT FOR THE WOLFF SUBCOMMITTEE (ARRANGED WITHOUT
EXECUTIVE BRANCH INVOLVEMENT) AND ARE EXPECTED TO RECEIVE
SOME FIFTEEN THOUSAND TOURISTS THIS YEAR (INCLUDING
SPECIAL PRC ARRANGEMENTS FOR GROUPS BROUGHT TO POINTS OUT-
SIDE CHINA BY PANAM AND NORTHWEST AIRLINES). A CHINESE
PERFORMING ARTS TROOP IS MAKING A MAJOR VISIT THIS
SUMMER UNDER THE FACILITATED EXCHANGE PROGRAM. ON THE
OTHER HAND, THE CHINESE ARE EXTREMELY ACTIVE IN SENDING
AND RECEIVING COMMERCIAL DELEGATIONS, WITH EMPHASIS ON
ACQUIRING U.S. TECHNOLOGY. REGARDING THE LACK OF PROGRESS
ON NORMALIZATION, PEKING IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE IS TAKING
GENERALLY--WITH SOME ABERRATIONS--A MILD "PATIENT" LINE,
ALTHOUGH OCCASIONALLY COMPLAINING ABOUT NORMALIZATION
BEING ON THE "BACK BURNER." MEANWHILE, PEKING HAS NOT
LET UP ON ITS CRITICISM OF OUR POSTURE TOWARD THE USSR
(SALT, NEUTRON BOMB, PRM-10, "SONNENFELDT DOCTRINE").

4. I HOPE THE CONVERSATION GOES WELL AND THAT NEITHER
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YOU NOR CH'AI FEELS IT NECESSARY TO LECTURE EACH OTHER
BY READING THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. VANCE

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